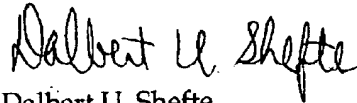


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action of May 3, 2005, in which Claims 3-5 were allowed and Claims 1 and 2 were rejected, applicant has herein cancelled Claims 1 and 2 and incorporated the substance of Claims 1 and 2 into Claim 3.

As the presently amended claims conform with the requirements of the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 3-5 are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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